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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**SPEECH RECOGNITION APPARATUS, SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH  
SPEECH RECOGNITION PROGRAM IS COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDED**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

49 pages of specification and claims (including 11 numbered claims), and  
8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 8.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

**Application Number**

2003-122337

**Country**

JAPAN

**Day/Month/Year Filed**

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☐ The prior application is assigned to

☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: PTO 1449

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